

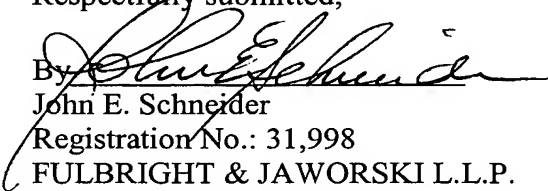
**REMARKS**

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2375, under Order No. HO-P02164US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Dated: March 12, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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